

Questions to Be Referred to the Relevant Heads of Service

1. Appendix B of the submitted report - Row 2 'Business Hub' (proposed by Economic Development). During all of our lengthy discussions with Julia Potter and Dan Grindey, no mention was made of this Project. Where has this arisen from, what are the costs for and how will it be used?
2. Appendix E of the submitted report – **Schedule 1** - 3rd Paragraph. Question: 'There was external borrowing in place as at January 2017 of £3.7M' – for what?
3. Appendix F of the submitted report – **Environmental Services** - Allotments: What is the rationale for increasing the cost (per Sq Metre) by 1p? How much will this increase generate? How much officer time will be taken up adjusting the charges? Quite simply, is it necessary/beneficial?
4. Appendix F of the submitted report – **Refuse and Recycling**: What is the rationale for increasing (yet again) the cost of garden waste by a further 10% (year on year)? Supplementary – have letters already been sent out informing residents of this intent?
5. Appendix F of the submitted report – **Neighbourhood Support** - Cemeteries: It is assumed that these increases in charges are to bring them in line with other local authorities. Is this the case?
6. Appendix F of the submitted report – **Planning** - Planning Development: During the Budget Scrutiny – the Head of Planning intimated that there was a desire to increase the costs of holding a DCF. Why has this not been carried into the 2017/2018 budget?
7. Page 32 of the submitted report– is a duplicate of Page 26.
8. Appendix F of the submitted report – **Customer Services** - Elections – Are these charges set by legislation?
9. Appendix E of the submitted report – Para 1.4 indicates that the Council 'has held no external borrowing'. Question – Does this mean we are debt free on all of our current property investments?